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She said, "I love you so."

Then she nestled nearer to me;
And I took her hand in mine;
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At the last meeting of the faculty committee for athletics, Mr. M. J. Donahue was selected as head coach for the season of 1908. Mr. Donahue is well known, this being his fourth year in the South, and a better selection could not have been made, as he is an authority on all branches of athletics, and is a friend of the student body.

This year Mr. Donahue was physical director and trainer for the foot ball team, this having much to do with the successful season. He turned out a winning basket ball team, and the prospects are the same for the base ball and track teams. It was decided that one man could not do a foot ball team justice, so Mr. J. K. Dwyer, of the University of Pennsylvania, was made assistant coach. There was some discussion among the students as to the getting of Mr. Dwyer, but this will be straightened out by the following statement, made by the faculty committee:

Mr. W. M. (Billie) Williams, now of New York, an alumnus of Auburn and and a former coach for the A. P. I., was asked to go to the leading colleges of the East, Yale, Princeton, Penn., etc., and get a good man. Mr. Williams visited Yale and Princeton, but did not find the right man. Before he could get to the University of Pennsylvania he was taken sick and had to give up the trip, but he and Coach Donahue both recommended that "Mike" Murphy, the world-renowned trainer of Penn., be

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At the last meeting of the faculty committee for athletics, Mr. M. J. Donahue was selected as head coach for the season of 1908. Mr. Donahue is well known, this being his fourth year in the South, and a better selection could not have been made, as he is an authority on all branches of athletics, and is a friend of the student body.

This year Mr. Donahue was physical director and trainer for the foot ball team, this having much to do with the successful season. He turned out a winning basket ball team, and the prospects are the same for the base ball and track teams. It was decided that one man could not do a foot ball team justice, so Mr. J. K. Dwyer, of the University of Pennsylvania, was made assistant coach. There was some discussion among the students as to the getting of Mr. Dwyer, but this will be straightened out by the following statement, made by the faculty committee:

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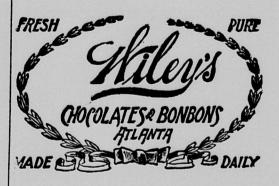
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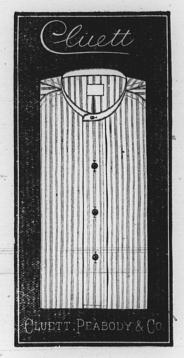


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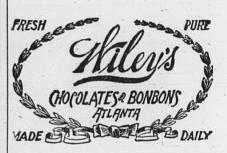
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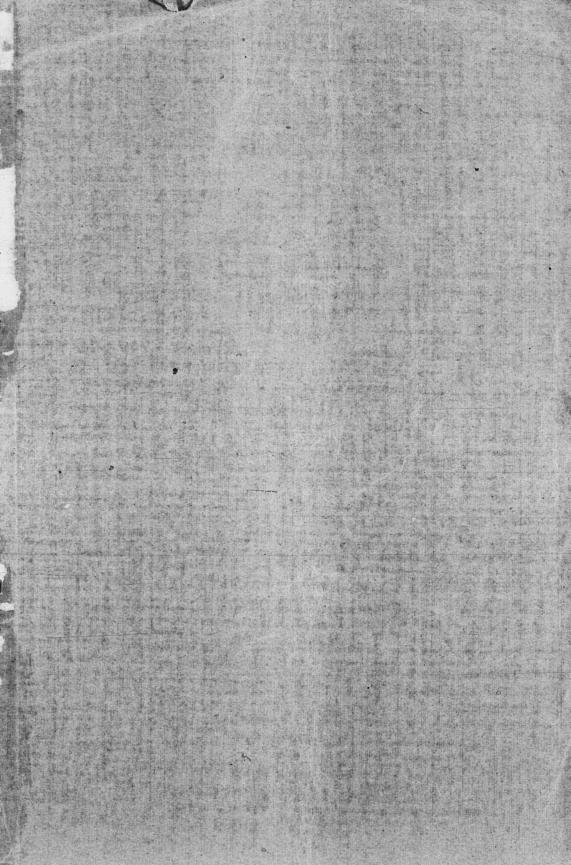
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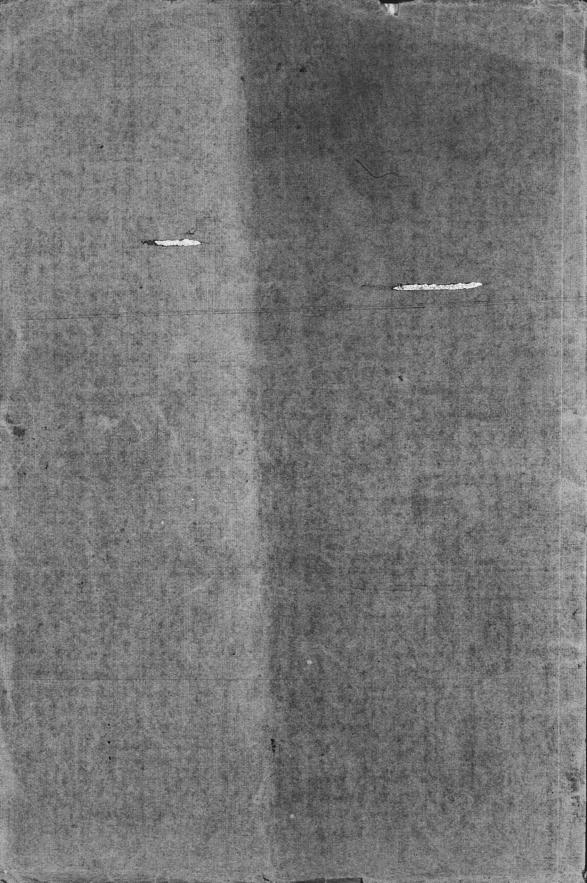
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